

*ASCC Faculty Orientation
Fall Semester 2006*



*Pictured in the center:
Honorable Governor Togiola Tulafono
HC Pamerika Tauili'ili, Board of Higher Education Chairman
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Accreditation

The American Samoa Community College (ASCC) is fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

History

The American Samoa Community College (ASCC) was established in 1970 to provide post-secondary education opportunities in the liberal arts, teacher training, vocational-technical education and general education to the residents of American Samoa. ASCC offers Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees, as well as Certificate programs in a variety of academic and technical areas.

ASCC is located on Tutuila, the largest of American Samoa's seven islands in the lush valley of Mapusaga village nine miles west of Pago Pago, the territory's center of trade and commerce. American Samoa lies about 2,500 miles southwest of Hawaii and 1,800 miles northeast of New Zealand. Tutuila comprises approximately three-fourths of American Samoa's 76 square miles and is home to 90% of its population of nearly 60,000. The other six islands are Aunu'u, Ofu, Olosega, Ta'u, Swains, and Rose Atoll.

In July of 1970, ASCC was established as part of the American Samoa Department of Education. The first freshman class of 131 attended classes in the old Lands and Survey Building (the current site of the Lumana'i Building) in Fagatogo. The following year the College was moved to the old Fia Iloa High School building in Utulei. The move to a permanent campus was made in September of 1974 when ASCC took over the site of the former Mapusaga High School in the village of Mapusaga.

A grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration in 1979 enabled ASCC to complete five new buildings, with modern facilities for instruction in science, nursing, fine arts and vocational education, as well as a student cafeteria and a gymnasium.

Vision

The Board of Higher Education envisions the American Samoa Community College as the only U.S. accredited education institution of higher learning in American Samoa and the South Pacific region providing quality courses, programs and services for its students, enabling them to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. The College will adequately prepare its students who may wish to matriculate to colleges and universities off-island, join the labor market, or pursue any endeavor of choice.

Mission

The mission of the American Samoa Community College is to foster successful student learning by providing educational programs and services of high quality that will enable students to achieve their educational goals and to contribute to the social, cultural, political, economic, technological, and environmental well-being of American Samoa.

To fulfill this mission, the College, as a United States accredited, open admissions, Land Grant institution, provides access to associate degree and certificate programs of study. These programs prepare all students including those who are educationally underserved, challenged, or non-traditional for:

- transfer to institutions of higher learning
- successful entry into the workforce
- research and extension in human and natural resources
- awareness of Samoa and the Pacific.

Manulauti (Mission Samoan Version)

‘O le **manulauti** a le Kolisi Tu’ufatasi o Amerika Sāmoa, ia fa’atupula’ia le sologa maua luga o a’oa’oga a ali’i ma tama’ita’i, i le sauniunia ma le fa’afailelea lelei o polokalama ‘a’anoa, fa’apea ni tautua aogā, o le a mafai ai e tupulaga, ona ‘ausia tulaga fa’ale a’oa’oga na ō lātou mo’omia, e fesoasoani ai i le soifua fa’ale aganu’u, i faigā mālō, i le tamā’o’āiga i tupe, i tekanalosi, ma le soifua lelei i le si’osi’omia o Amerika Samoa.



‘E fa’ataunu’u lana manulauti, ona o se Kolisi o le malo o Amerika, ua fa’amaonia e isi Kolisi le talia o ona togi, e tatala le ulufale i so o se tagata, ma o se nofoaga a’oga i lalo o Laufanua a le Feterale, ma ua maua ai ma su’e ai fo’i Tikeri ma Tusi Pasi o so o se polokalama. Ma ‘o polokalama nei o lo o sauniunia ai so o se tama/teine a’oga, ma e aofia ai ma i latou e lē ‘o maua gofie avanoa o a’oa’oga, o i latou o lo o iai lu’itau, ma i latou e le masani ona:

- toe si’itia atu i nofoaga o a’oa’oga maualuga
- faigōfie ona ofi atu i fa’alapopotoga o tagata faigaluega
- sa’ili’iliga ma le fa’alautelega o punā ‘oa fa’anatura fa’apea tagata soifua
- Silafia o Samoa ma le Pasefika

Governance

Since the implementation of Public Law 22-30, the College has assumed semi-independent governance through the administration of its fiscal and personnel management and general administrative authority.

The Governor is responsible for the establishment of operating budgets and capital improvement requests to the Legislature (the Fono) for passage.

The Fono is lawfully charged with receiving and approving both general operating budgets and grant budget requests.

The Governor is responsible for nominating a Board of Higher Education, subject to confirmation by the legislative body (the Fono).

The Board of Higher Education selects the College President, sets policies, approves all budgets and reallocation requests, acquires real property, leases and disposes of capital equipment, approves or discontinues new/existing programs and awards degrees and certificates.

The President acts as the executive officer for the Board of Higher Education and is charged with the

direct administration and management of the College. The President is also the spokesperson for the presentation of policy recommendations originating from the college to the Board of Higher Education for approval.

The administrative staff of the College reviews and recommends programs and policy proposals for implementation. The faculty, through its Senate, and the students through the Student Government Association, may recommend policy proposals for submission through the administration to the Board of Higher Education.

